

HOUSE BILL 772

By Dunn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 3, relative to school budgets.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) For purposes of this section, “lobbying expenditures” means funds used to lobby, as defined in § 3-6-301, and also includes any dues paid to associations or membership organizations that lobby.

(b) A local board of education shall include in its budget for each fiscal year a line item for professional associations and lobbying expenditures that includes the total amount to be spent on lobbying expenditures by the board during that fiscal year.

(c) When any local board of education of a county or city school system submits its budget to the appropriate local legislative body for approval, the budget shall have attached a form that details all professional associations and lobbying expenditures included in the budget. The form shall at a minimum specify:

(1) The total amount anticipated to be spent on professional associations and lobbying expenditures;

(2) The amount of any dues to be paid to entities that lobby, along with the names of such entities;

(3) The amount of any funds to be used to hire contract lobbyists; and

(4) For the fiscal year beginning in 2017, the actual amount spent on items listed in subdivisions (c)(1)–(3) for the previous fiscal year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.